announced by the Government on December 7, 1996 and January 18, 1997 to facilitate polio drops to be given to children upto five years of age;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such holidays have been allowed to employees working in shops and private offices in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, with the course of action to be taken when denial of such holidays to shop employees is reported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Central Government has not declared public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

(c) and (d) Closing of shops and private factories is regulated under the Statutory Acts notified by the respective State Governments/ Union Territories.

Enquiry Clerks Appointed by CPWD on Muster Roll

2859. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of enquiry clerks appointed on muster roll by CPWD during 1982-83 in sub-division No. III at M.B. Road and Aram Bagh;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after putting in over 15 years of service, their services have not been regularised, so far;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to regularise their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) In all, 3 Enquiry Clerks were appointed on Muster roll in Sub-Division No. III at M.B. Road and Aram Bagh by CPWD during 1982-83.

(b) to (d): A large number of posts for regularisation of services of eligible daily rated workers who were engaged prior to imposition of ban on the engagement of daily rated workers w.e.f. 19.11.1985, were created in 1992 in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgement dated 17.1.86 on a Writ Petition filed by Shri Surinder Singh & others, on the basis of requirement of posts projected by various field units of CPWD spread all over India. None of field units, however reported the fact of having daily rated enquiry Clerks and did not project any requirement for additional posts for their regularisation. However, since the workers were engaged prior to imposition of the ban the CPWD is collecting details of all such workers.

दिल्ली की बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या

2860. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1951 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की जनसंख्या कितनी थी;

(ख) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की जनसंख्या कितनी और इस समय इसकी अनुमानत: जनसंख्या कितनी है;

(ग) दिल्ली में अनुमानत: कितने व्यक्ति प्रतिवर्ष देश के अन्य भागों से आकर बसते हैं;

(घ) क्या दिल्ली का क्षेत्र इतनी अधिक जनसंख्या का भार सहन कर सकता है; और

(ङ) दिल्ली की जनसंख्या को सीमित रखने के लिए सरकार की योजनाएं क्या हैं?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ॰ यू॰ वेंकटस्वरलू): (क) 1951 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की आबादी 17,44,072 थी।

(ख) और (ग) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की आबादी 194,20,644 तथा योजना आयोग के जनसंख्या प्रायोजन तकनीकी दल के आकलन के अनुसार दिल्ली की आबादी 1 मार्च, 1996 और 1 जुलाई, 1996 को क्रमश: 113.20 लाख और 114.30 लाख ठहरती है। लेकिन दिल्ली में हर साल बाहर से बसने के लिए आने वाले लोगों की संख्या के बारे में कोई सूचना सुलभ नहीं है। क्योंकि ऐसा कोई हिसाब नहीं रखा जाता।